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## **Inmate Charged in Attack on Correctional Officer**

### ***Commissioner Gives Priority to Inspecting the Facility and Speaks With Injured Officer at Home Jessup Correctional Institution Still in Lockdown***

BALTIMORE, MD (September 6, 2006)---The Internal Investigative Unit of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services has charged the suspect in yesterday's attack on a correctional officer with attempted murder and a long list of other crimes.

The suspect, 21-year old inmate Alvin Reeves, faces life plus 111 years if convicted on all charges, which include attempted murder, assault, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, and reckless endangerment. The suspect was serving a 16-year sentence for attempted murder.

The maximum-security Jessup Correctional Institution (JCI), where yesterday morning's assault occurred, remains locked down. A full search is underway as well as a complete review of the incident.

Acting Commissioner of Correction John Rowley spoke personally with the injured officer yesterday, thanking him for his dedication and effort. Commissioner Rowley also toured JCI yesterday, speaking with officers in the area where the assault occurred. "I was very impressed with the officers' handling of the situation and their control in the unit," said Mr. Rowley. "This was a random act by an out-of-control inmate."

Division of Correction officers identified the suspect immediately after the assault. DPSCS Internal Investigative Unit (IIU) detectives had prepared charging documents within hours. IIU will be working with the Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office to prosecute the suspect, who has been transferred to another institution.

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